Dear Parents / Carers

Harmony Day & Welcome Festival is almost here!
Next Friday is our Annual Welcome Festival. This year is particularly special because it coincides with Harmony Day, Say No to Bullying Day and also the arrival of 30 students from our sister school in Shandong!
There will be rides and food stalls, a paper plane competition, a magic show, a disco and even a petting farm! Now is the time to book your ride passes and also to put you name down as a volunteer if you are available to help for any amount of time on or before the night.
For more information please go to pages 7, 8 and 9 of this newsletter.
See you there!!!

Congratulations
Congratulations to Grace Baird, Sasha Conybeare-Yamaguchi and Angus Miller who will be representing the North Shore Zone at the Sydney North Swimming competition. Well done and good luck when you compete next week.

Year 6 students moving into Year 7 in 2016
Expression of Interest Forms have gone home to all Year 6 students regarding their High School placement next year. Please note this form will need to be returned by all students (even those going to a Private school) on or before Friday March 20 (next Friday). If you have any questions please see your child’s teacher or Mrs Wearne

Is your child a talented performer?
I am looking for 1-3 students who can perform in front of our Shandong students next Thursday morning at a special assembly. I would like to have a selection of performances that reflect our multicultural nature. If you child is a budding performer could you email me on myra.janes@det.nsw.edu

Parent Teacher Interviews
Parent-teacher interviews will be held in week 10 of this term. On Monday 23 March a letter will be sent home which includes all of the information that you will need to book online.

Myra Wearne,
Principal
FABStar! is an initiative to recognise positive behaviours in the playground.

Two FABStar! slips were drawn from all the students who received FABStar! slips in recognition of their positive behaviours on the playground last week.

The K-2 Fabstar for this week is Julian from 1SH. Julian made a sensible decision to ask for teacher assistance to solve a problem in the playground. Well done in making such a positive choice Julian!
LIBRARY NEWS

Did you know our school library has a section on the Dem’s website? To find out what we do in the library and what we are passionate about here is the link: http://www.nthsyddem-p.schools.nsw.edu.au/curriculum-activities/library

You are awesome and you know it! It’s only been 2 weeks since this year’s NSW Premier’s Reading Challenge (PRC) began and already we have nearly 80 students who have registered for the challenge. To participate in this worthwhile event, all your child has to do is read and log their reading on the PRC website. For more information please go to: https://products.schools.nsw.edu.au/prc/home.html or contact Mrs. Bennett.

Thank you to those students who have given me their expression of interest to be part of the student newsletter crew. I am having an information session on Monday 16 March (week 8) at lunchtime (12:35pm) for those students who are interested. It’s not too late to contact me if your child is interested but has not notified me. Can’t wait!

Since the beginning of this term Ms Williams has been giving out overdue notes for those students who have overdue books. Thank you to those parents who have assisted their child to return books. While we don’t charge fines for overdue books, any child who has an overdue book will not be able to borrow until those books are returned. For books that are lost, we ask for a donation to allow us to purchase a replacement. Any problems with overdue or lost books please do let the library staff know.

Alice Bennett

Friday 20th March is HARMONY DAY – 1 Week to Go!

Everyone Belongs is the theme for this year’s Harmony Day. It is a day to celebrate the vibrant cultures, races and religions that make up Australian society. It is a day of cultural respect for everyone who calls Australia home – from the traditional owners of this land to those who have come from many countries around the world.

DID YOU KNOW . . . Around 45 per cent of Australians were born overseas or have at least one parent who was.

- 85 per cent of Australians agree multiculturalism has been good for Australia
- People from over 200 countries make up the Australian community.
- More than 300 languages are spoken in Australian homes, in our school we have students from 58 different languages backgrounds!
- 92 per cent of Australians feel a great sense of belonging to our country

On Harmony Day, students may come to school dressed in their national dress or that of another culture. Throughout the day there will be many activities taking place in classrooms such as storytelling, cultural performances, art, craft, blogging and music from around the world. We are lucky enough to have parent helpers coming to visit classes and share their stories with students.

Everyone Belongs – at the Dem. Visit our Harmony Day blog

The Harmony Day blog can now be accessed through the student portal. Please let us know about your family background or share your favourite traditional tale from your culture. There are also Harmony Day links to check out on the blog. Students and families from all classes can access the blog them.
2015 International Competitions and Assessments for Schools (ICAS)

Dear Parent,

The University of New South Wales is offering your child an opportunity to participate in the International Competitions and Assessments for Schools (ICAS).

ICAS assessments have taken place annually in schools for over thirty years and in twenty countries. Educational Assessment Australia (EAA), who design and deliver the assessments, is the not-for-profit arm of the University of New South Wales.

ICAS:
- is an annual skills development assessment program in key areas of learning for students in Years 2–12;
- assessments are available in Digital Technologies, English, Mathematics, Science, Spelling and Writing
- gathers performance information through a 30–60 minute supervised in-school test
- provides a continuous, independent and comprehensive record of a student's performance, and maps their development over the full period of primary and secondary schooling
- enables the progress of each student to be mapped in each skill against their previous performance, demonstrating personal improvement no matter the starting point
- uses fellow students' results as a reference point, results are mapped against all students sitting at the same year level in Australia
- provides an excellent preparation for national testing
- enables students at all levels of ability to participate; ICAS contains questions designed to specifically explore the abilities of students of all standards – this includes those of both lower and higher levels of achievement
- medals are awarded to the top students per state in each subject and year level (when sufficiently meritorious and the test was not on the official sitting date)
- achievement certificates are awarded to all students at a range of levels:
  1. High Distinction to the top 1% of students
  2. Distinction to the next 10% of students
  3. Credit to the next 20% of students
  4.Merit to the next 10% of students
  5. Participation to all other students
- results are available to parents and students online; these online reports and analyses remain available indefinitely.
- ICAS reports indicate which questions were answered correctly, compare student performance to that of the other students tested and are highly suitable for inclusion in a student's portfolio for future tertiary entrance or job opportunities
- entries are administered through the school, so teachers can also access the information

To enrol your child in ICAS, please complete the registration form overleaf and return it, with your entry fee, to your school by Thursday 2nd April 2015.

For more information about ICAS go to www.eaa.unsw.edu.au, contact Customer Service on (02) 6344 1010 or send an email to info@eaa.unsw.edu.au

Your child can also prepare for ICAS using Practice Online. Practice Online tests are available for English, Mathematics and Science. Find out more about Practice Online at www.eaa.unsw.edu.au/practice-online

Yours sincerely,

[Signature]

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# 2015 International Competitions and Assessments for Schools (ICAS)

## Registration Form

Please return this form to your child's school.

I give permission for my child, **[Child's name]**, of **[Class]** to participate in the following 2015 International Competitions and Assessments for Schools (ICAS):

Please select the subjects you would like your child to enter:

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* Previously known as Computer Skills.

Please find enclosed ____________________ total entry fee.

**Amount**

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| Signature of Parent/Guardian |
**BAND NEWS**

**Dates for your Diary**

*Easter ‘Hot Cross Buns’ Concert* – all bands ON  
27th March  
**Junior Band workshop** – 2nd April  
**Band camp** - senior and intermediate bands – 21/22 May  
**Anzac Day Ceremony** – Senior band - date to be confirmed

All bands are practising hard for the up-coming Easter concert (Information note to be issued next week). Please support your child to maintain a positive attitude towards practice throughout the week. Students should practise at least 5 times per week for a minimum of 10 minutes.

**Band shirts**
Orders for band shirts will commence next week through the Trybooking on-line system. The cost of band shirts, which are a **mandatory** component of the band uniform, is $25 each. Instructions on the procedure for ordering will be provided at rehearsal next week. Sample shirts will also be available to assist with selecting the correct size for your child. This will apply mainly to Junior Band students, although there are a small number of older students who may also require a shirt.

**Enquiries**
Band Committee Secretary, Melissa Lanigan MELISSA.LANIGAN@det.nsw.edu.au
Welcome Festival
Friday 20th March
4.30pm - 9.00pm
You are invited to a fun filled & social evening for the whole family as we celebrate the new school year this harmony day with multicultural food & activities

Free Activities Passport
Every child can collect a passport to a world of fun & free activities offered at this Welcome Festival.

You will receive your free fun activities passport with your pre-purchased rides passes or you can collect one from the Rides & Raffle stand on the night.

Take your passport with you when you visit any of the free activities on offer....

* DISCO * PETTING FARM * CHALK DRAWING * MAGIC SHOW *
* DUTCH NAIL DROP * LOCAL POLICE * TRADITIONAL CHINESE GAMES *
* PAPER PLANE MAKING & COMPETITION

Have your passport stamped at each activity check point - Once you have 5 stamps, head on over to the Drinks Stand to collect your passport lolly bag reward.

Awesome Rides

Once again there will be the kids favourite hair raising rides along with the ‘Haven’ tamer rides on the soccer pitch for the littlies.

Pre-Purchase your Rides Passes before 4pm Wednesday 18th March & save time & money

www.trybooking.com/125034

You can collect your pre-purchased rides passes from the Ride & Raffle stand after 2.30pm on Friday 20th March.

All Rides - All Night Adventurous Rides for kids of all ages - $25 online / $30 on the night

Haven Rides Only - All Night Tamer Rides - $12 online / $15 on the night

$5 single rides pass, $30 All Rides & $15 Haven Rides passes will be available on the night from the Rides & Raffle Stand
You will receive a book of 10 x $2 raffle tickets. We thank you in advance & urge you, your family & friends to support this fundraising event. Remember you have to be in it to win it!

Please return all money raised in an envelope with your child's name & class on it to their teacher by **Wednesday 18th March**.

The raffle will be drawn at the festival on the McHatton steps at 7.30pm. Extra raffle tickets can be purchased from the Ride & Raffle stand.

Here is a peak at some of the fantastic prizes you could win:

- Samsung Galaxy 3, 7" Tablet
- Samsung Galaxy 4, 8" Tablet
- 4 passes for Ten Pin Bowling
- Commando Laser Tag Package
- 4 family passes to Golden Ridge Farm
- Willoughby Sports Centre Holiday Program
- 2 Adult Passes to Taronga Zoo
- Big Music Rock School Holiday Program
- 2 x $50 Rebel Sports Vouchers
- Hand Craft Lamp by Bridget Cox
- 5 x Big Music Adult Group Singing Lessons
- Hand Crafted Quilt by Rhonnie Cunningham

  Ezra Hair & Nails Gift Voucher
  Head Lice Treatment Packs
  2 x Uniform Shop Vouchers
  2 x Tuck Shop Vouchers
Our festivals are only made possible by those who share their time. We would be truly grateful if you could spare 30 minutes or more to help set-up & decorate the festival, work on a food stall or help the team at the end of the night with packing up.

Pitch in with some friends or meet some new faces within our school community. It is easy to sign up for a task at volunteer spot.

[vols.pt/Wn5HdY](vols.pt/Wn5HdY) (This URL is Case Sensitive)

**Donate a Prize**

If you or your business can help by donating a prize for our raffle please contact Carmen at thedempc@gmail.com as soon as possible. Thank you kindly for your generosity.

Perhaps you would like to bake or buy a treat for our scrumptious sweet treats stall. We need plenty of Slices, Cupcakes, Cookies, Muffins & Whole Cakes

**ALL NUT FREE PLEASE**

On **Monday 16th March** cake boxes will be given out in class to children who volunteer to donate a treat for the festival. If you do not receive a box & would like one, extra boxes will be at the stay & play table each afternoon during the week of the festival.

**Multicultural Delights** including Indian Butter Chicken, Vegetarian Dhal & Samosa. Chinese Fried Rice & Spring Rolls, Japanese Sushi, Two Sizzling Sausage BBQ's, PLUS Pizza, Icecreams, 'soft' drinks, popcorn, toffee apples & fairy floss from the tuckshop.

**Food Feast**

**Disco & Henna Hand Art**

**Zac's Magic Show**

6.00pm in the Hall

**Paper Plane Competition**

6.45pm in the Hall
Hunters Hill High School Open Day
Gifted and Talented selection test for yrs 7 & 8
Saturday 21 March, 9/30am in School Hall
Reserve place by Thursday 12 March
Phone: 9817 4565
Email huntershd-h.school@det.nsw.edu.au

Go4Fun – FREE
A free 10 week program for kids aged 7 to 13 years and their families to become fitter, eat healthier and improve their self-esteem.
Wednesdays beginning 22 April from 4.30 to 6.30 at Fix Australia, 319 Penshurst St, Chatswood
Register now 1800 890 900 or go4fun.com.au

NSW Roads & Maritime Services

The Senior State-wide SCS program manager is currently looking for persons to fill School Crossing Supervisor positions in our area.

The School Crossing Supervisor is responsible for providing controlled school crossing services, at designated school sites, to contribute to improved safety of people on NSW roads.

If you are interested in fulfilling this position please call the School Crossing Supervisor Program on 1300 728 543.

Thank you
Kelly Klinigen, Program Manager
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Established dance school at the Dem for students Yrs K-6!

Enrol your children for dance classes run by CentreStage Academy in the Dem school hall

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Celebrating 8 years of quality dance tuition at North Sydney Dem. Classes are aimed at building strong dance technique & culminate in a spectacular end-of-year concert

ENROLLING NOW for 2015

Phone Helena: 1300 322 243 or 0404 118 267  
Email: info@centrestageacademy.com.au  
www.centrestageacademy.com.au

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**SKILLFUL MINDS**

**holiday workshop**

**who:** any child ages 6-10 years  
**when:** 13th and 14th April 2015  
**where:** 1st North Sydney Scout Hall  
1 Munro St, McMahon’s Point, NSW 2060  
**time:** 9:00-3:00 each day  
**price:** $120 per day

We are passionate about supporting children to learn valuable skills whilst having fun!

For bookings and more information, please contact us on:

Sarah Peterson | 0429 462 665  
sarah@colourfulminds.com.au

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COOKING WITH THERMOMIX

Lemons make Lemonade

Have you noticed how soft drinks and pre-made drinks are part of contemporary diets today? A time when lemon was a homemade drink seems long ago and somewhat nostalgic.

I made lemonade at a Thermomix cooking class this week and was reminded how simple and easy it is to make a refreshing drink. The recipe used lemons, sugar and water and took about two seconds.

There was no additives or preservatives and I was using real fruit. Simple, delicious and nutritious.

I would love you to join me and see Thermomix at a demonstration. In less than two hours, we will experience the versatility of Thermomix as we see and taste five dishes ranging from entrée through to dessert.

For more information on how you can book your demonstration and experience the Thermomix, please contact me. To find out more visit thermomix.com.au

My Thermomix

Take a look at what the Thermomix can do...

- Beat
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- Mill
- Cook
- Weigh
- Digital recipes

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Your Local Thermomix Consultant:

If you would like to see the Thermomix in action at a demonstration or class, contact Kate Were:

Mobile: 0438 013 386       Email: kWere@optusnet.com.au

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HOLIDAY WORKSHOPS

(They’re educational! but, shhh … don’t tell the kids!
They think it’s fun 😊)

Mosman: The Barn, 1st Mosman Scout Hall, Avenue Rd, Mosman Bay

9 Apr  Space Adventures
         9am – 4pm (one day)

10 Apr  Pocket Brick Monsters
        9am – 4pm (one day)

Crowes Nest: BRICKS 4 KIDZ Creativity Centre, 8/385 Pacific Hwy, Crowes Nest

8 Apr  Angry Birdies / Bad Piglets
       9am – Noon (half-day)

9 Apr  Teenage Mutant Brick Turtles
       1pm – 4pm (half-day)

13 Apr  Classic Brick Arcade Adventures
       1pm – 4pm (half-day)

16 Apr  Superhero Academy
       9am – Noon (half-day)

Cost

- Two day workshop: $180, incl GST
- One day workshop: $90, incl GST
- Half day workshop: $45, incl GST

Our one and two day workshops run from 9am – 4pm. Each child will receive a BRICKS 4 KIDZ® cap and a custom mini-figure to take home.

Half day workshops run for three hours. Each child will receive a BRICKS 4 KIDZ® wristband and a custom mini-figure to take home.

Please note that food is not provided. Please provide a nut-free morning and afternoon snack and lunch for your child to enjoy during every day of the program.

Give us a SHOUT! Email stacey@bricks4kidz.com or call 0450 332 435

For full descriptions of programs and to register online, please visit our website!

Bricks4KidzAustralia.com.au/Sydney-LNS